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SELECTED TALE.

## BESSIE BELL.

When did Love, saucy urchin, ever stop for reflection? When did he ever take heed for the mischief he might be doing, as he recklessly left his arrows around?—Did he ever? Not he! It appears as if he enjoyed the sport the more, the more he witnesses the sighs and tears of his victims, which his own cruel hand has wrought—and laughs beneath his wings at the frowns and threats of obdurate papas, and the grave lectures of prudent mothers.

For example, now, here is an exploit of the little god in our own good village of Fairdale.

Upon the summit of a beautiful green knoll in the most secluded quarter of the village, stands the comfortable cottage of Goodman Bell, the miller. In front the view is unobstructed, sweeping gradually down to the bright waters of the Silver creek: as it is called, which skirts the base. And here stands the old mill which has ground out the corn and rye to feed all Fairdale for two generations, in the tempting guise of johnny cakes, hasty puddings, and substantial loaves of smoking brown bread. Leaping over the dam come the waters of the creek, rushing and dashing down with great attempt at display, then creaming and foaming round the moss grown stanchions, fall off quietly into the silver sheet below. From morning until night, the cheerful music of the mill mingles with the song of the birds, and the gentle whispers of the wind among the drooping branches of the old willow tree. And after a storm, the waters, as they hurry over the dam, vexed perhaps that their translucent beauty is for the time destroyed, fret and fume so loudly that they may be heard even for miles around.

At the back of the millers cottage is a thick grove of pines, embalming the air with their healthful fragrance. Between this grove and the house, however is the substantial kitchen garden, which in their season displays a flourishing array of vegetables—nor must I omit to mention in proof of the taste which reighs within the cottage, that upon each side of the lawn in front is a small flower pot, bordered with tulips, pinks and jump-up-johnnies—huge peonies in the centre, and the intermediae spaces filled up with ragged robin, larkspur, marigolds and other floral varieties. There are rose bushes, too, around the windows—with grape vines trained over the little summer house, and upon each side of the front door, a tall lilac stands nodding to its neighbor snow ball at the corner. In fact, one may travel far and rest their eyes upon a more lovely spot than marks the domains of our good miller.

And as all was so quiet and pleasant without the cottage, so was all sunshine within. The miller's wife was a pattern of thrift and cheerfulness, and Bessie—but here *I* must pause a moment to think what she was like! Such a little mischievous merry maiden has rarely tripped over Fairdale green as Bessie Bell.

Such a pair of roguish black eyes—long silken lashes, perfect love nets to ensnare poor swains—then such a redundance of dark shining tresses which would curl and do just as they pleased; in spite of comb or coquettish ribbon. But as for her mouth, it defied all criticism—I am almost sorry to say that the little gipsey kept it in such constant play laughing and singing that it must be a keen eye indeed which detected its outline—but her lips were red as cheerries, and her little teeth almost dazzled they were so white and shining.—She was not fair, but more beautiful far, with her clear olive complexion and cheeks like a fresh blown rose. She was no sylph—Bessie Bell—for two hands could not span her waist by many long inches—and her plump, round arms could wield the broom or ply the dasher with equal dexterity.

*I* would not insinuate by this that she was very industrious—how could she be, the merry one, when there were the birds, and the butterflies, and her own happy heart, bidding her to be on the wing for joy and gladness? Sometimes the good mother would shake her head and would exclaim:

'Well, well, this will never do—Bessie must go to work.'

'Yes, yes, Bessie must go to work,' echoed the miller.

Now as Bessie was their only child, and withal so pretty and lively, it is no wonder the honest miller and his wife had formed great expectations for the future. No less quality than a lawyer or a doctor, or perhaps a clergyman; did they look for a son-in-law; and as he counted over his gains, with honest pride the good man would exclaim;

'Our daughter will not go empty handed into any man's house:' and the old lady would glance complacently at the crowded clothes presses filled with snowy linen, and at the chests heaped with bed-quilts and blankets, all the work of her own hands intended as a marrige dowry for darling Bessie.

In short, all went pleasently and happily under the miller's roof until that same Love, must needs kindle up discord and rebellion! I do not wonder the little god wishes to try his skill upon one as roguish as himself—but then for once, he might let 'the course of true love run smooth,' and not cause so much disturbance in the shape of Hal Carey, comely as that shape was! Now, who was Hal Carey? No lawyer—no doctor—no minister—not even a spruce clerk in our 'variety store!' He was nobody—just nobody at all—and for Love to introduce such an one to the affections of the miller's bright eyed daughter, all who read must allow was a most shabby trick.

Hal Carey belonged to that numerous class of persons who never get up in the world—not from any fault of their own—not because they have not industry, honesty sobriety and perseverance—but because they have not industry, honesty, sobriety and perseverance—but because Fate, like a millstone, presses upon their heads, and whenever they would rise, sinks them again to the level. The grandfather of Hal had been an industrious day-laborer, working from morning till night, toiling like a slave in the fields and barns of Fairdale—so had Hal's father, and so did Hal himself; but their was a certain shrewdness and talent about the latter which his progenitors did not process, and many knowing ones in the village prognosticated that Hal would be *so* nothing yet!'

Goodman Bell often employed Hal, little thinking what a peice of work he was laying out for himself, and altho' he often glanced at the athletic figure and fine open countenance of his workman, and thought what a noble looking fellow he was, the simple old man never once surmised his pretty daughter might think so too!

So there was Hal dad after dad busy about the mill, or in the garden, or cleaving the huge logs piled up in the woodyard and their was sly *Bessie*, too, running back and forth, now dancing and skipping down to Silver Creek, now industriously weeding the onion beds or peeping roguishly at the animated face of her lover, almost beneath the very stroke of the axe, as like a dutiful daughter, she gathered up chips for her mother, naughty Bessie!

Some person, may blame poor *Hal*, whose only wealth consisted in the possession of a kind and affectionate old grandmother, whose delight he was, and for whose support every dollar he earned was applied, for stealing the affections of charming Bessie, whose station in life, though but an humble miller's daughter, was so far above his own. Nor do I think he had any such intent—it was Lov'e doings—neither Hal nor Bessie had any voice in the matter!

At length a suitor, such a one as gladdened the eyes and joyed the heart of Goodman Bell, made his appearance at the cottage. What though he was as old again as Bessie, and a widower with three rude romping children? This was a mere trifle, for was he not a lawyer living in one of the finest houses in Fairdale; nor was there any lack of handsome carpets, or stately mirrors to gladden the eyes of a young bride!

No wonder the miller was a happy man, as day after day he saw the gig and the fine bay horse of the lawyer wending up the hill and stopping at his own little gate nor did he deem it occasion to frown if there the gig remained an hour or even longer. Sometimes too, the lover acceded to the kind invitations of Mrs, Bell, and partook heartily of her nice bread and butter, praised the flavor of her fine tea, and the delicacy of her fine cheese cakes. The The old lady was in ecstacies—but the perverse Bessie appeared to care very little about it, and had always some particular errand to call her from the little parlor, leaving the enamored lawyer to a cosey teate a tete with Mrs. Bell.

Every body in Fairfield respected lawyer B. He seldom mixed in any society, and it is perhaps an anomaly in village annals, that although rich, tallented and agreeable, neither widow nor maiden ever thought of aiming at his heart. When therefore, it was whispered around that he was courting the miller's daughter., the excitement was immence, and if the truth could have been ascertained, Bessie herself cared less about the matter than any one else. The poor girl now became the object of general animadversion—from mothers down to misses of forteen, she was called 'pert,' nor for the time did the lawyer himself suffer less from the jealous tongues of the young men.

And so they kept on shaking their head and apostrophizing from week to week and month to month and year to year.—But one glance from Bessie's roguish eye would destroy all the grave lectures which Goodman Bell had treasured up during his days work as reproofs for her giddiness—and the wheel of the old lady never flew round and round so swiftly as when she was listening to one of Bessies merry songs. And thus smoothly passed the life of the millers only daughter until her seventeenth year.

'The thoughtless day, the easy night,
The spirits pure the slumbers light.'

Marking the innocence and gladness of her heart.

Plenty of lovers had Bessie—causing no small share of envy from the more wealthy and accomplished village belles—for their brothers—their cousins—even their beaux from the city, all alike seemed perfectly fascinated by the charms of the little maid.

Never was miller more prosperous than Goodman Bell—never was so much grist brought to one mill—never a clapper kept so busy. The little boys, poor fellows, could scarcely ever mount the meal sack and ride on old Dobbin to mill—and why? Why, because their elder brothers, or some neighbors tall, gawky sons would carry the grist themselves—and not only carry it there, but bless you, they would wait, and wait hour after hour, sauntering around the mill or in the grove, under pretence of waiting for their load, when it was all just for a glance at that bewitching little gipsey Bessie Bell.

This state of things continued for some weeks, yet as love had command of the heart's machinery, it could not remain thus passive forever.

(Concluded in our next.)

WASHINGTON CITY D. C.

SATURDAY JUNE 12, :::: 1847.

## NEW CLERKS.

(Continued from our last!)

MR. COLE.

It strikes us he is somewhere from the East. We found him in the War Department—He is quite a young man, with aslender figure, and appeared be to rather tall. though being seated we could not tell. He is a modest genteel man of mild temperament. His face is oval, rather thin, and fair as a lady's; his forehead—remarkably deep and bland—betokens innocence, and a kindered soul. His brow is lightly arched, meek and thoughtful,and his large fine eye is of a clear azure blue, which he gently raises when speeking, sheds a modest halo that over spreads his pleasant features, Success to him.

In the same room with Mr. C: we found an old acquaintance—a Mr. Anderson, a printer, (not Charles A.) He is a whole soul man, and looked as jolly as ever, and holds some office in the government. He formerly printed in our office. and our meeting was joyfully reciprocated.

And there too we met with another old acquaintance *P*arson Evans whom we had not seen in ten or twelve years.—Parson E. is young looking, fresh as ever. but has gained 'considerable of rotundity,' to use a Yankee phraze. This is not to be wondered at, as he lives upon the fat of the 'gospel,' (preachers generally live on the best,) as well as the fat of the government, yet so far as we know he never (since he became fortunes favorite) gives a crumb to the poor from his sumptuous table. He has been in office ever since we came to Washington, 1823 how long before we cannot say, and was kind, —charitable till he joined the Sunday chool union.

Messrs Gooldridge and Flury, old friends all well.

## THE NAVY DEPARTMENT.

This portion of the government has very much improved since Hon. John Y. Mason has had the management; such men as Messrs Thomas and Etheridge, (if we do not mistake the names—are valuable to the government.

We were sorry for the absence of the Secretary, whom we had not the pleasure to see. The Department was filled with pursers, and all hands were busy attending to their accounts.

Being fatigued we did not call at the Treasury Department, where we have many valuable friends.

## COMMUNICATED.

*Mr. Wilson.*

This gentleman—formerly a watchman in the Rotunda of the capitol, is fiercely attacked by a person who signs himself 'Candidus.'

We cannot decypher the manuscript without consuming more time than we have at command. Besides it is too long for our paper, and 3d it is too personal, and 4th the language is too indecorous, and unchaste for the Huntress, "that fellow," "Presbyterian" "Church and State man!" Mr. Wilson *is* a Presbyterian, what then? has not every man a *right* to be of any religion he pleases? But Mr Wilson is *not* a Church and State man, far from it. He is an honest, and a warm hearted man, kind and charitable to the needy. *It* is enough for him to be removed from employment without slandering him in the papers.

We are not one of those who when fellow creature is going down hill to give him a shove; as to his distributing bibles, if he can make enough to keep his family from starving, it is doing more good with them than heretofore, pointing out particular verses to young ladies for no honorable purpose, and using them as a book to obtain money.

## PARTIES.

There is much speculation amongst parties about this time. Our friend Mr. Myers of the Lancaster Pa. American Republican is up to his eyes in arranging matters and things, preparatory for the Presidential election.

This paper supports the "Native American" party, the best paper we have seen of this paltry.

We often quote from the American. and as an old friend and acquaintance we esteem him highly; but we think the success of the party doubtful. It seems to be full cousin to the Church and *S*tate party, too aristocratic for the people of this country; for all we can see, it will be worse than the evil it proposes to remedy.

They have just held a convention, and passed a number of resolutions, the merits of which we are incompetent to judge.

They put off the nomination of *P*resident and vice Presieent, however till September. The convention was held at Pittsburgh 11th ultimo, and consisted of men mostly of moderate information. We were struck by a long quotation from the Bible by a "descendant of the Pilgrim fathers, a bad sign. Those Pilgrims when about to murder their fellowmen without judge or jury, or bore their tongues, were always closely engaged with the bible night and day previously. The following is an extract from one of the speakers, a Mr *A*. B. Ely of Massachusetts:

"Mr." Ely considered the twenty-one year principal, a palty expedience humbug—all Levin's speeches. his good ones, were based on the birthright, and he conld'nt make one on any other principal. Citizenship shonld be a pearl of price, not cast before swine—it was now almost a reprach: He referred to the Israelites, who were directed to exclude all foreigners, even to tqe tenth generation evcept the Edomite, their brother, and the Egyptian, in whose land they had been a stranger—these, alone, were admitted in the third generation. The Amigtty designed that citizenship should be worth something. The friends of the other principle say "our sone must be here twenty one years, let the foreigner be here for a similar term"—but our sons are born here; when foreigners were (he acknowledged the bull.) he would go for their principle but not till then. He denounced the Wigs as an "expediency" party, Democracy anscrupulous" one, and trusted the Natives were a party of principle."

These are the people that go for money now to spread the gospel—formerly they hung them by the neck, whiped them, women—at the cart tail, and will do so again if ever they get the power.

Another member Dr Coates spoke up boldly and said he—"was opposed to interfering with anh religion, but considered that order as having nothing to do with any church."

'Wonder if Mr. Myers approves of this sort of doings?

## HONOR TO THE BRAVE—CHURCH AND STATE—NEW ORLEANS.

It appears the citizens of New Orleans, the bonafide citizens we mean, have been treating the Gallant Col May of our city with a public dinner. It was a grand affair, and we are proud to see that this noble city, New *O*rleans, has had self respect enough to excuse their pious neighbors, the church and state gentlemen, at least we find not one of their names in the toasts, and patriotic speeches that were given by the invited guests.

In the late meeting of the "*L*ouisiana State Colonization Society," who have such great love for the State of La., as to take the trouble of reforming their morals, educating their children, saving their souls, putting down the "Romish heretics," Sunday theatres, reviving the good old christian laws, hanging heretics." We repeat the descendants of the Pilgrim Fathers have come all the way from Yankee land to Louisiana to do these things.

But the Greates of all their pure and disinterested favors is to aid them, the citizens with gospel, if they will only aid them with money. For want of room, when publishing the "*L*ouisiana colonization meeting." at New Orleans last week, we had no room for the resolutions, and have very little now, but there is so much impudence, and low arrogance in the following, it would be criminal to omit them.—Let the people of Louisiana look out for the resolutions.

"Resolved, that a committee be appointed to address a circular letter to the clergy of different denominations, requesting them to present the claims of the colonizations, cause to their respective charges, and take up a collection in aid of its funds in the sabbath immediately preceding or succeeing the 4th of july, or some other convenient time. That circular be also addressed to the friends of the cause in different parts of the States, asking their influence in circulating the Liberia Advocate, the formation of auxiliary societies and the collection of funds for the Louisiana State Colonization Society."

Realy! The state of Louisana must feel under great obligations to the descendants of the Pilgrim fathers for taking the trouble of state affairs off their hands, especially such an enlightend people so learned and so pious and so disinterested!

Mr. Ely has let the Church and state cat out. He says, speaking on the late Native *A*merican convention, you will have the Jesuites here," "21 *one* years humbug." When you go a whalefishing do you catch trout? But to return Hon. H. A. Bullard is the great gun of the party they are to take up a colection the 4th of july so they do here. and you may see troors of great awkward girls striding along rank and file with officers of" god's people in full uniform—marching on each side of the line as soldiers are drilled.for the army.

(To be Continued)

From the following it appears they—the descendants of the "pilgrim fathers," have revived the notorious persecutions, for which alone their forefather were distinguished:

"Witchcraft.—Two women were recently arrested in New *O*rleans, and put in the stock, for professing witchcraft, and playing various uncouth pranke."

We should say the man or men who did this thing, if done, is an assassin in his heart, and a brute in his stomach!—He was not born of a woman surely!

A lady, on tuesday morning last, as she was about to descend from the top of the rotundo of the Capitol, suddenly sank down in a state of great exhaution. ladys of feeble constitution should be informed that a journey to the Capitol dome is excessively fatiguing. It is more so than a walk of a league.

Going to Law.—Two Dutchman, who built and used together in common a small bridge over a little stream which ran through their farms, had a dispute concerning certain repairs that were required; one of them objected to paying the expense of the purchase of two or three planks. Finally the aggriexed party went to a neighboring lawyer, and placing ten dollars in his hand said I,' will give you all dis moneys if you'll make Hans do justice mit the bridge.' 'How much will it cost to repair the bridge?' asked the honest counseller of the determined litigant.

'Well, den, not more as five dollars,' replied the Dutchman.

'Very Well,' said the lawyer, pocketing one of the notes and handing the other 'take this, and go and get the bridge repaired; it is the best course you can take.'

'Yaas,' said the Dutchman, slowly,'dat ish more better dan to quarrel mit Hans,' but as he went along home he shook his head feequently, as if unable. after all, to see quite clearly how he had gained anything by the operation.

"Yankey Doodle.—Half the nnmbers for Febuary have just come to hand, and they are capitol ones. We wish the publisher would write "religious paper" on the outside of the wrapper to keep the P. M's from stealing it—not one in five ever reaches our office."

## ERRATA.

The author of the "weights and measures," intended the following should appear with that of last week, but we did not so understand it, coming in prelope form—

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